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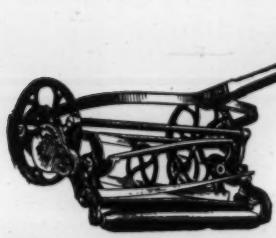
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## EDITORIAL

NOVEMBER, in many southern states, is the month in which they celebrate their Arbor Day. No portion of this broad land of ours has nobler possibilities for "forest shade and green wood tree" than the South, and the southern woman must bear her share in arousing and keeping alive interest in this side of our civic life. Clubwomen everywhere are interested in civics and forestry, and the celebration of Arbor Day might come under either head. A wise and helpful means of celebrating this day is by co-operating with the various local school authorities in their ceremonies, and thus help to inspire in the children of the community an interest in plants and trees. In this number of *The Keystone*, page 10, the Chairman of the Forestry Committee of the General Federation gives most helpful and practical suggestions to all plant and tree lovers. It is hoped that the individual clubwomen will take some interest in these suggestions and help tend this beautiful garden of earth, which is a part of our natural inheritance.

Caring for plants and trees was the occupation of our first parents before sin came into the world; would not a little of such occupation come well into all of our lives now-a-days as a refreshment and rest from the material and sordid things in life?

NOVEMBER, the month of the garnered harvest, is full of rich possibilities for southern women. The United Daughters of the Confederacy will assemble in all their strength and enthusiasm at their annual convention this month in Norfolk, Virginia. This meeting will be an especially happy one, as it is the first regular meeting since the unveiling of their great monument to Jefferson Davis in Richmond, Virginia, in June last, and so on this occasion they will look back upon a completed task and forward to new work. The membership of this association is growing rapidly in numbers, and the new generation entering the ranks are anxious to live up to the splendid records of the women of '61-'65, who launched this patriotic association on its voyage of service in behalf of all that pertains to the South and the Confederacy.

THE Clubwomen of Florida are anticipating a most successful and helpful Convention at Gainesville this month. The Florida Federation, while numerically not very large, is one of the oldest southern federations, having been organized in February, 1895, and is especially interested in civics, bird protection, household economics and humanitarian work. Club work in Florida is progressing steadily and gaining strength each year, and the twelve hundred faithful workers are adding new laurels to Florida's wreath of her women's achievements. *The Keystone*, as the official organ of these able women, has chronicled each month their many noble works accomplished, and we speak with authority when we say that one of the greatest factors for the development of the higher citizenship in Florida today is the Florida Federation of Women's Clubs.

SOUTH CAROLINA Clubwomen have instructed their Library Extension department to work this year for a Library Commission for South Carolina, and with this in view this department has made plans which, if carried to a successful conclusion, will put South Carolina on that roll of honor of twenty-five states, which have already provided this important factor in the development of the public educational system of their States. Clubwomen in South Carolina are urged to read carefully Mrs. Nichols' report on the traveling libraries owned by their federation, to make themselves familiar with the bill which she has had prepared to present in their name to the coming Legislature (see November *Keystone*, p. 4), and to respond promptly to all her requests for co-operation and aid in bringing this important matter to the attention of the General Assembly and the public. The Federation has an equipment of nearly five thousand books and over fifty stout portable cases which it stands ready to donate for the furtherance of this great educational work. These women believe that under the control of the State, with a central place like the State Capital for headquarters, in connection with the State Library and under the influence to a certain extent of the department of education, this work directed by a State Library Commission may reach a larger public and do more efficient service in the upbuilding of the citizenship of the State than if confined to their necessarily more limited direction and management.

THE NORTH CAROLINA DIVISION of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, at their tenth annual Convention, held in Greensboro, N. C., on October 8th-11th, adopted *The Keystone* as their official organ, and hereafter there will appear in our pages each month an official column of news from the North Carolina Daughters. We accept the position of representing this splendid organization of Southern women, three thousand strong, with a just pride in the achievements of all southern womanhood, and with a keen sense of the responsibility which falls to us in bearing our part in the development of their worthy pursuits. We promise them all the loyalty and good-will that southern women owe to one another, and with a unity of purpose and a patriotic love for the land of our fathers, we shall hope to prove worthy of the trust imposed in us by our sisters of the Old North State.

*The Keystone* is now the official representative in journalism of the Daughters of the Confederacy and the Clubwomen of the great States of Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina, and of the Clubwomen of Florida and Mississippi. We gather into our pages the objects, aims, appeals, reports and noble achievements of these powerful organizations of Southern women, and as a medium of communication among them we are promoting the high ideals that are put forth by them in their endeavors for the uplifting of the citizenship of a section which, through prosperity and adversity, has been bound together by ties of blood and the common heritage of a noble and historic past. Together all these organizations aim to work out a glorious future for their respective states, one typical of the best that American life can produce, and it falls to the lot of *The Keystone* to sometimes be the thread upon which many of their beads of high purpose may be hung.

## OFFICIAL CLUB NEWS

For the State Federation of Women's Clubs of South Carolina, Mississippi, North Carolina, Florida and Virginia.  
(This Department is official, and will be continued monthly.)

## SOUTH CAROLINA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

Address all communications for South Carolina to Mrs. R. D. Wright, Newberry, S. C., Corresponding Secretary S. C. F. W., Manager.

President—Mrs. A. F. McKissick, Greenwood, S. C.  
Recording Secretary—Mrs. J. A. Russell, Greenville, S. C.  
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Treasurer—Mrs. R. H. Jennings, Orangeburg, S. C.  
(70 Clubs—4,760 Members.)

TO the club women of South Carolina: The President of every federated club should see to it that the columns of *The Keystone* relating to her particular work are read each month at her club meeting. Only a very small per cent. of the members realize the advantage, indeed, absolute necessity for this journal; and in this way they could at least be informed of what is being done, and what is to be done. This request has been published in *The Keystone* before, but as manager of this column, I think it will bear repetition.

MRS. R. D. WRIGHT,  
Cor. Sec. S. C. F. W. C.

THE YEAR Book of the South Carolina Federation and the Minutes of the Orangeburg Convention have been distributed among the clubs of the State by the recording secretary. Mrs. Russell deserves much credit for the careful classification and arrangement of her material and for the attractive appearance of these booklets. The Year Book is larger than usual (forty pages), and contains a full list of all committees, the State president's report made at the Orangeburg Convention, suggestive reports for future work from each chairman of the various departments, a classified list of clubs, and the State Constitution. The Minutes of the Orangeburg Convention are bound in a neat little pamphlet under a separate cover. It is to be hoped that all South Carolina club women will read these pamphlets carefully.

FEDERATION SCHOLARSHIPS: There were 24 applicants for the S. C. Federation scholarships.

Miss Teresa Haltiwanger, Edgefield, and Miss Nellie Morgan, Florence, won the scholarships at the Greenville College for Women; and Miss Amelia Langley, the scholarship at the S. C. Training School for Kindergartners. My committee consists of Mrs. E. W. Hughes, Charleston; Mrs. J. Fraser James, Darlington; Miss Euphemia McClintock, Columbia.

THEODOSIA DARGAN,  
Chairman of Education.

Stateburg, S. C.

As CHAIRMAN of Library Extension for the S. C. Federation of Women's Clubs, I send the following report and hope the statement of facts will encourage the clubs who have not helped in this work to make a special effort to do so now and help secure the State Library Commission.

The Memminger Alumnae Association intends interesting the club women of Charleston in their December or February meeting, asking from each visitor a book.

The clubs of Greenwood have combined and sent me a case of books.

Number of libraries reported by former chairman at Orangeburg Convention as belonging to the Federation ..... 32

Number of libraries reported by former chairman at Orangeburg as belonging to individual clubs ..... 58

Making a total of ..... 90

The following libraries have been contributed by clubs to the State Federation:

	Books.	Libraries.
Palmetto Club, Chester	110	2
The Century Club, Charleston	85	1
The New Century Club, Edgefield	51	1
The Runymede Club, Anderson	61	1
The Child Study Club, Charleston	69	1
The Memminger Alumnae Ass'n, Charleston	59	1
Thursday Afternoon Club, Greenville	—	2
Miss Louisa Poppenheim, Charleston	—	1

The following list shows what clubs have sent me *new* books in compliance with my request as the new Chairman of Library Extension:

Six books each from The Wednesday Club, Laurens, and the Literary Sorosis, Prosperity; 5 books from the clubs of Newberry; 3 books from the Library Association, Sumter; and 2 books each from the Clover Club, Beaufort; the Palmetto Club, Chester; the Century Club, Charleston; the S. C. Intercollegiate Club, the Euepian Club, Rock Hill; the Maids' and Matrons', Blacksburg; the Dixie Club, Orangeburg; the Greenville Civic Association; the Perihelion Club, Rock Hill, and Over The Teacup, Rock Hill. All of the clubs in Greenwood united and sent me one library.

The following railroads have granted me *free transportation* by freight for our libraries in South Carolina:

The Atlantic Coast Line.  
The Charleston & Western Carolina.  
The Seaboard Air Line.  
The Carolina & Northwestern.  
The Lancaster & Chester.  
The Columbia, Newberry & Laurens.

Since I have assumed the duties of Chairman, the following libraries have been placed: The Palmetto Club, Chester, one library, to Rev. C. E. Winn, Elgin; one case sent from Charleston by the S. C. Intercollegiate Club, to Eutawville; one library each to Mr. Rouse, Marietta; Mrs. Clara B. Rowell, Piedmont; Miss Mary Madden, Grandeur; Miss Mattie Winn, Hodges; Mr. L. B. Haynes, Leesville; Mr. Harry Witherpoon, Fort Mill; Mrs. D. M. Garret, Fountain Inn; Mr. W. S. Myers, Ward; Mr. W. C. Hooks, Nichols; Mr. W. P. Coker, Springfield; Mr. James Willis, Fountain Inn; Miss Elizabeth Dominick, Ulmers; Miss Mattie McCarley, Townville; Mr. P. B. Richardson, Mountville.

According to instructions at the Orangeburg Convention, this department is working for a Library Commission in South Carolina. With this in view, we will introduce a "bill" at the coming Legislature. Mr. Carlisle, of Spartanburg, will introduce it in the Senate and Mr. A. G. Brice, of Chester, in the House.

My committee is sending a letter with a copy of the "bill" to each member of the Assembly, and I shall ask the clubs to endorse the petition. For the information of the clubs, I append below the full text of the "bill" and a copy of my letter to the members of the Assembly.

I wish to express thanks and appreciation to the individual clubs for permitting their libraries to be counted in with the Federation libraries when asking for the Commission, and

if secured consenting for them to be turned over as Federation property. Respectfully submitted,

MRS. L. T. NICHOLS,  
Chairman Library Extension S. C. F. W. C.

THE LIBRARY COMMISSION BILL:

*A Bill to Create and Establish the South Carolina Free Public Library Commission, to Define Its Duties and Powers, and to Make an Appropriation Therefor.*

Whereas, There is a growing interest in the dissemination of wholesome literature, and in the establishing of traveling and free public libraries in the State, and, whereas, there is no organization now charged with the encouragement and wise direction of this great educational work; therefore be it enacted:

Section 1. That the South Carolina Library Commission is hereby created and established.

Sec. 2. That there shall be appointed by the Governor five persons, to be known and designated as the South Carolina Library Commission; three of whom shall be men and two of whom shall be women recommended by the South Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs, and the State Superintendent of Education shall be ex officio a member of this commission. These commissioners shall be appointed for the period of two years, and they shall serve without compensation, and shall make a yearly report of their transactions to the Governor, and in case of any vacancy by resignation or otherwise, the Governor shall fill the same by appointment.

Sec. 3. The said commission when appointed shall meet at such place as it may decide upon, and shall organize by electing a chairman from one of its members, and shall also elect or appoint a paid assistant to act as secretary to the commission, and assistant to the State Librarian, and fix compensation therefor, and shall elect or appoint from time to time such other agents or officers as the interest of the commission may require.

Sec. 4. The commission shall deposit and safely keep the books and other property, which may be committed to its custody by the South Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs or acquired in any other manner, in the State Library at Columbia, S. C., in the care of the State Librarian, whose duty it shall be to take charge of the same with the help of the paid assistant, whose duty shall be fixed by the commission.

Sec. 5. That there shall be and hereby is appropriated the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) per year to be used to pay the salary of the assistant for services as secretary to the commission and as assistant to the Librarian, and the transportation, distribution, and mending of the books in the care and custody of the said commission as it may deem necessary and expedient in carrying out the objects and purposes of its work, and it shall have full charge and control of all said books, and of all circulating libraries which it may establish in the State, and of the conduct and management thereof, and shall prescribe all necessary rules and regulations for the circulation and distribution of books through said libraries, and shall, under proper rules and regulations, provide for the free use of all such libraries and books by the people of the State with the right to make charges for any mutilation, destruction or loss of any book belonging to the library.

Sec. 6. That this act shall go into effect immediately upon its approval by the Governor.

THE LETTER TO THE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Chester, S. C., October 30, 1907.

Dear Sir: As a member of the General Assembly of South Carolina your interest in and favorable support of a bill to create a State Library Commission is earnestly solicited, and your attention is invited to the following explanation of its purpose:

The Library Department of the South Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs is concentrating all its energies to secure for South Carolina a Library Commission.

Twenty-five States of the Union have successfully managed their library interests through a commission.

The rapid spread of this commission idea shows that in order to place the greatest number of books into the greatest number of hands, some authority should administer in a systematic way the library interest of a State.

The South Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs owns one hundred traveling libraries, of fifty books each, in portable cases, making a total of 5,000 books, which capital it proposes to turn over to the commission, provided, two women are placed on the commission to look after the interest of the work they have so much at heart. By keeping in touch with the work they continue their assistance and donation of books.

If the free circulation of good books is really a source of both pleasure and profit, as well as means of self culture, to the people of a community, we do not think we could accomplish a better work educationally than by establishing a State Library Commission.

Enclosed is a draft of a bill proposing to establish a Library Commission, which will have an immense effect upon the educational and moral advancement of our children and citizens.

This bill will be presented before the honorable body of legislators this

session, and we hope that our legislators are duly alive to library interest as a movement along lines of modern education, and that it will meet with success.

Mrs. L. T. NICHOLS,

Chairman Library Extension of the S. C. Federation Women's Clubs.

[By means of a "Buster Brown Party," given at Chester, under Mrs. Nichols' management, she has raised sufficient funds to defray the entire expense of all printing connected with this bill and letter, and to have a sum on hand with which to purchase a new case for the new books being sent in by the clubs.—*The Editor.*]

THE CITY UNION of Women's Clubs, Greenville, gave a reception on October 24th, 4:6 P. M., in the parlors of the Greenville Female College. Mrs. McKissick (State president), Mrs. Rufus Fant (Civics), and Mrs. Grimball (Domestic Science), were special guests of honor, and special invitations were extended to all officers and chairmen of departments of the S. C. Federation, and to all ex-State presidents. The object of this organization is social intercourse of club women, and such meetings will strengthen the club spirit in any community.

THE CIVIC CLUB, Charleston, held its first meeting this autumn, October 23, and the various reports showed this club to be in a flourishing condition. There is a large surplus in the treasury, the work in decorating the special rooms in the Charleston public schools is almost completed, and new members are added at each meeting. This club has decided to devote its energies during the coming year to the Public Schools of Charleston, and special committees have been formed to co-operate with the Teachers' Association and School Improvement Association of Charleston.

MISSISSIPPI FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

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President—Mrs. W. P. Mills, McComb City.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. Daisy B. Lamkin, Frair's Point.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. A. F. Andre, Crystal Springs.

(36 Clubs.)

TO the Mississippi Club Women: It gives me pleasure to greet you through the columns of *The Keystone*, and in this way to thank you for the honor bestowed upon me last spring in choosing me to serve as your president. I shall endeavor to further the interests of our club work, in every way possible, and in order to do this, ask the co-operation of each of you, personally.

This is an era of great things. Our women are awakening over the State to the great possibilities before them, and I feel sure as our federation grows in numbers, we shall become a wonderful power for good in Mississippi.

The duty we owe to ourselves makes us place self-culture first in our club work, and this is well; yet we must realize that true self-culture means more than a little time given to the study courses. The social features, altruistic, should not be lost sight of.

This lending a hand is a powerful factor in character-building, for the helper reaps the greatest benefit. During the next few weeks each club will receive communications from the various standing committees. I trust you will give to those your kindest consideration, for our departments in Federation work will furnish to you the many directions in which you may expend the surplus energy not given to the study courses.

And just here I wish to urge each club to forward the



charge of the departments of education, art and library extension.

A new department was added at the last convention—the Department of Literature—and the able leader is Miss Adele Fries, of Winston-Salem, who will be found most helpful in suggestions along this line.

For assistance upon every kind of work, I suggest the use of the Information Bureau of the General Federation, under Mrs. Mary I. Wood, of Portsmouth, N. H., from whom can be obtained outlines of study, and also books upon almost any subject desired.

All clubs of the State that can do so should have the G. F. W. C. Art Gallery during the winter. This comes to you free of charge, other than that of express. Communication with the General Federation State Secretary will secure all needed information.

The clubs will feel more closely in touch with each other when the year books of the Federation are in their hands. These will be ready for circulation in a few days—the unfortunate delay in publication being unavoidable.

Our Federation is yet in its youth, but we are learning, and nothing will so strengthen us in what we do as uniformity of organization. Let us work for something this year that will carry us far beyond any step we have already attained and let our next convention be the greatest we have yet had.

MARGARET LOVELL GIBSON,

President North Carolina Federation.

THE Chairman of Music in the State Federation is at a disadvantage. The other departments have the plans of the General Federation workers to aid them. But in the G. F. W. C. there is no department of music, and we must make our own plans. If I caught the spirit of the N. C. F. W. C. in their meeting at Wilmington in April, it was that we should aim less at self-culture and more at the broader and larger work of helping others. The keynote (speaking musically) was to help others. Now, I would like the various clubs to undertake the work of introducing into our schools the patriotic and national songs. In some of our towns the schools have a music teacher, but there are many rural schools that have no singing at all. Think what it would mean to those children who have no music at home—or at school—to be taught our simple patriotic songs! Then, I make the plea that I made to nearly every club last year: Devote one meeting at least during the year to music. Did you see what Mrs. Deeker said about making this past summer a singing season? Is there anything that brings us so close to each other as music?

It has been my observation in the Musical Club of Charlotte, that the meetings that promise music are most largely attended. In the study of a people or nation, the musical history, if touched only in a small way, brings out intensely interesting work, and I urge upon the clubs that are in the Federation, more music—more music!!

IDA MACDONALD HOOK,

Chairman of Music W. C. F. W. C.

THE new Year Book of the Woman's Club of Charlotte shows much careful work, both in its mechanical get up and in its subject matter. Other clubs may well profit by the suggestive outlines which the Charlotte women have laid out for themselves.

We would congratulate Mrs. Reiley, the president, and the entire club, on its hopeful and promising publication, and wish them success in the pursuit of their well-laid plans.

## FLORIDA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

Address all communications for Florida to Mrs. C. B. Farrell, Live Oak, Manager,

President—Mrs. Clara W. Raynor, Daytona.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. J. S. Frederick, Miami.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Milo McNeal, Ormond.

(25 Clubs—1,100 Members.)

THE Florida State Federation will hold its annual meeting in Gainesville, the University City, November 19-22.

*The program for this meeting was published in the Florida column of the October Keystone.*

I am glad to say that all the federated clubs are falling into line with the work as outlined by the Federation, and they expect to derive new courage and strength from this annual meeting.

MRS. C. B. FARRELL.

THE WOMAN'S Fortnightly Club held their annual meeting May 17th. The work of this club is divided into four departments: literary, musical, social and philanthropic. Under the literary department many instructive programs have been given. Two afternoons were given to "The Legal Status of Women," and after a comprehensive study by club members, an open meeting was held, when Hon. S. J. Hilburn gave an interesting and instructive address on the subject. Two splendid addresses were given by Prof. I. I. Himes and Rev. Mr. Wiley, on "The Life and Works of William Shakespeare," and "How to Study Shakespeare's Plays." The musical and social departments have contributed greatly to the pleasure and profit of the club. The philanthropic department has won many encomiums on the splendid work done in beautifying the square around the new City Hall. Although the work is not completed, the block has been tiled and graded and forty palmetto trees have been planted. Under the direction of the same committee a beautiful block will be completed during the coming year.

## VIRGINIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

Address all communications for Virginia to Miss Elizabeth Gish, Lynchburg, Ca., Corresponding Secretary Virginia F. W. C., Manager.

President—Mrs. James R. Kyle, Lynchburg.

Recording Secretary—Miss Bessie Conrad, Winchester.

Corresponding Secretary—Miss Elizabeth Gish, Lynchburg.

Treasurer—Mrs. E. S. Ledbeater, Alexandria.

(10 Clubs—500 Members.)

SINCE the letter in the October Keystone, the first year book of the Virginia Federation of Women's Clubs

has been issued. It is presented to the organization by the Lynchburg Woman's Club as an expression of its desire to further club interests in the Old Dominion. Copies of this pamphlet have been sent to Virginia club presidents, officers of the Virginia and General Federation, to delegates to the Convention for organization and others. Extra copies may be obtained for the asking from the Corresponding Secretary. Virginia club women cannot afford to neglect reading Mrs. Kyle's letter, which is educational and inspiring. She discusses ably and briefly the lines of work of the Virginia Federation—Art, Civics, Forestry, Industrial education and the Home, Library Extension and Literature, Music and Reciprocity. Here, too, may be

found the minutes of the Convention and the Constitution and By-Laws adopted.

BEDFORD CITY is happy now that the library is again open to the public. The "howl" that went up from the readers during the period the building was closed for renovation was most pleasing to the ears of the Library Association! With an enlarged reading room, a small additional room, a large porch, more shelves, fresh paint inside and out—and forty new books, the Association has cause for congratulation. The Civic Circle of the Association was busy during October preparing for a grand rally at the end of the month for the organization of a Civic League in Bedford City.

THE LYNCHBURG Woman's Club, through its Civic League, is planning to issue a series of short bulletins entitled *The Healthy Child Has the Best Chance*, dealing with the causes of certain preventable diseases, the care of the patient with typhoid fever and tuberculosis, the need of cleanliness and fresh air for good health. It is hoped that by the co-operation of the Junior Civic Leagues in the public schools a copy of each bulletin will reach every home in Lynchburg. It is the ambition of this Circle to stamp out the "white plague" from the city.

ALL FEDERATED clubs, or it may be said, all good women everywhere in our land, read with satisfaction the resolutions in regard to child labor, passed by the Protestant Episcopal House of Bishops, assembled in convention at Richmond, Virginia, last month. The efforts of these distinguished churchmen, pledged to active work in crushing out child labor in America, cannot but be helpful to the furtherance of the cause.

IN ALL PARTS of Virginia men and women are interested in civic improvement, and not an hour too soon comes this awakening to public duty. What kind of training in citizenship are boys and girls getting in our public schools? An educational revival is in progress, and each one of us should help in some way. Our president suggests that we follow the plan of an educational association in a rural district in South Carolina. May I repeat this lest it have escaped you in reading her letter? She asks that each club woman express by at least one act of kindness her interest in some school during the year. This may be done by a note, a visit, a gift book, a plant. Isn't this a very pleasing idea?

ELIZABETH GIST.

#### A STUDY OF THE MILK SUPPLY

The Pure Food Committee of the General Federation, in making milk the main subject for club study this year, do so advisedly, as from its importance as a food for infants and children, with resulting effects on the stamina of the race, it is one of the most necessary.

The infant mortality in cities, where vital statistics have been carefully kept, shows a death-rate of something like 20 per cent. in the first year of life. In Berlin, for instance, with a birth-rate of about 50,000 per year, 24 per cent. die in the first year. Bad enough, but here are some figures that are even more startling, as they show that much of this waste of life is preventable. Notice these figures closely. Of those who are nursed by the mother, only 5.3 per cent. die; of those fed on sanitary milk, 6 per cent. die; while the mortality of those who are fed on ordinary dealer's milk

reaches the enormous rate of 40 per cent. Nor does the mischief end here. A recent number of the *Medical News* states that, according to the last report of the medical officer of the London County Council, the adverse environment, food, water, and shelter, which slaughters one in five of the infants born in larger cities, has a maiming effect on those left. There has been a tendency to look on a high death-rate of infants as a natural process of weeding out the unfit, leaving the strong ones to survive in order to propagate a hardy race. This view can no longer be held, as experience has shown that many of the survivors develop into weaklings and frequently become the progenitors of useless children. Here is the subject of race suicide viewed from a new standpoint.

In this question of bad milk supply the use of preservatives plays an important part, not alone because they are injurious in themselves, but also because by their use unclean methods of taking and handling the milk are covered. There have been scientists—notably Behring, of Marburg—who have advocated the use of formaldehyde in milk, but the weight of authority (as shown in the recently passed Federal Pure Food Law) is distinctly *against* the use of this or any other preservative. Professor Schlossman, of Dresden, whose words have weight by reason of his long experience as physician to a large children's hospital and of the results of his carefully conducted series of experiments on milk, writes thus in the *Archiv fur Kindereilkunde*: "The addition of formaldehyde to milk changes the casein essentially in its chemical nature, the milk albumin is wholly altered, losing its ability to coagulate, while the fat is so affected that in certain known solvents it is no longer dissolved." He also combats Behring's theory, that sterilized milk is more injurious than milk treated with formalin, by proving from his experiments that this very *preventing* of the souring of the milk by formalin is a menace, as the lactic acid bacteria by their growth inhibit the development of pathogenic bacteria, such as the bacteria of tuberculosis, scarlet fever, and diphtheria, and his conclusion is that heat and cold are the only permissible methods for the preserving of milk, and most authorities bear out this statement.

So far in the campaign for pure food, those interested have directed most of their energies to the much-needed legislative action, but it is well sometimes to see what certain persons have accomplished by laying stress on their personal responsibility rather than on their rights by law, and in this regard the Model Milk Supply Association of Copenhagen serves well to point a moral and adorn a tale.

Briefly, the history of the now famous Milk Supply Association is as follows: In 1878 Mr. Busck was struck with the fact that one of his workmen was refused milk at a distillery where cows were kept, on the ground that he didn't buy his spirits there. Investigating the matter, Mr. Busck found that there was in Denmark absolutely no control over cattle, the farm laborers, or the adulteration or contamination of milk. With a clearness of vision given to few, he saw a splendid opportunity for supplying the city with a real necessity, and that, viewed either from a philanthropic or a commercial point of view, the effort was well worth his while. He at once enlisted the interest of one of the highest medical authorities in Denmark, Pro-

fessor Panum, of Herr Bille, at one time Danish minister to this country, of Dr. Borch, and of several other prominent men, three of whom agreed to form an independent commission, working without remuneration and with no financial interest in the concern. It was decided that any profits, exceeding 5 per cent. to shareholders, should go toward reducing the price of milk and to improving the business generally, and that the following regulations should be adopted and enforced:—

Every cow on the farms of this Association was to be subjected to a fortnightly inspection by a veterinary surgeon, who was to report on cleanliness, quality of feeding, and general treatment, as well as on any diseases from which the animal might be suffering. The farmers were to cool the milk immediately after milking to 41 degrees, F., and it must have a temperature not more than 50 degrees, F. when it reached Copenhagen, or it was to be rejected; and, to provide for this, thirty pounds of ice were to be kept in stock for every eleven gallons of milk produced.

After it arrived in Copenhagen, the milk was all sampled and tested chemically and bacteriologically, filtered, run off, and bottled, and even then the care did not cease. The milk-carts were so constructed that there could be no tampering with the milk, as every can and every van door was sealed, and in hot weather the cans were covered with ice. Every milkman was in uniform, and the trade-mark of the Association, a red and white clover blossom, with green leaf, on a black rectangle painted on a white ground, was on every van, so that the company's milk could easily be told.

The skimmed milk was sold at a very low price, and was a godsend to the poor, who recognized what our people seem to forget, or do not know, that skimmed milk is the most nourishing article of food that can possibly be obtained at the price for which it can be sold, two and one-half cents per quart. The charity organizations purchased thousands of these tickets to give to the poor.

Two other facts were of especial worth in this Association: the farmers were bound by their contract to report at once any case of sickness among either herd or workmen, and to refrain from using milk from a suspected cow, and to isolate any workman who might be ill or have sickness in his family.

In return for this, the Association agreed to pay full price for all such milk, and full wages to the workman while he was laid off, so that there was absolutely no reason for deception. In addition to all this there were regular dairy maid inspectors, who supplemented the work of the veterinarian and of the medical inspectors, who looked after the health of the employees.

Yes, ideal, I hear you say; but does not all this so increase the cost that the price of milk is beyond the average customer, as it is with some certified dairy milk in this country? Not at all. In Copenhagen to-day, whole milk brings 20 cents per gallon; infants' milk brings 25 cents per gallon; half skimmed milk (*i. e.*, milk skimmed after twelve hours' standing, but still containing at least 1 per cent. butter fat), 10 cents per gallon; cream No. 1, \$1.25 per gallon; and cream No. 2, 75 cents per gallon. And, though these prices cannot be duplicated in this country, clean milk can be sold at a price within reach of the average consumer.

One of the dairy experts at Washington City assures me that certified milk can be sold as low as 8 cents per quart, and at a reasonable profit at 10 cents a quart, and housekeepers will have to learn that safe milk cannot be sold below that price, and in some places not for that sum. The Dairy Department at Washington has plans and specifications for model dairies, which will be furnished to any one desiring to take this up as a business, and surely it offers a splendid field for college women, who desire a healthful, profitable, and interesting occupation. The fact that several successful dairies are now being run by women, and that this field offers a splendid opening for combined philanthropy and business, would seem to point to women as the natural dairy owners of the future.

Be that as it may, women buy all the milk sold, and, so long as they do not insist upon clean milk for their homes, dirty and unsafe milk will be served to them. Given a healthy public sentiment, demanding clean milk, safe food, and pure water, and a municipal body elected on vital issues such as the safeguarding of the public health rather than on party lines long since outgrown, and the day will soon dawn when graft will be a thing of the past, and civic righteousness a present reality, not a dream of the future.

#### MELODIES

**M**ADAME Marcella Sembrich opened the series of Charlton-Smith subscription concerts at the Academy of Music, Charleston, S. C., on October 19th, with a brilliant musical evening. The audience, including many out-of-town people, was large, representative and exceptionally enthusiastic and cordial. Mme. Sembrich was ably accompanied and assisted on the piano by Mme. Charbonnel, and the selections were such as to show the wonderful powers of this distinguished leider singer both in concert and operatic music. In the opening aria, "Batti, Batti," from Mozart's *Don Giovanni*, Mme. Sembrich's voice held the audience spellbound and left with them the memory of an angelus rung on silver bells in the golden twilight of an October day. The aria, "Lusinghe piu care," from Handel's *Allessandro*, was rendered with broad and sweeping tones, while the aria from *Triviata* was warm and glowing with color. The fragile songs, "The Lass with a Delicate Air," and "Love Has Wings," were as successfully handled as the operatic selections. As a final encore Mme. Sembrich, accompanying herself on the piano, closed a most brilliant concert by singing a Polish song, making the record of having sung, with exquisite taste and enunciation, in five languages in one evening. The concert was a most auspicious opening of an admirable series, the other concerts being David Bispham, baritone, December 7th; Bauer, pianist, February 7th; Mme. Gadski, Wagnerian soprano, March 7th. For information address George Hoyt Smith, P. O. Box 385, Charleston, S. C.

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[*The Federation Bulletin*, "the official organ" of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, according to agreement at the St. Paul Biennial, sends out to all sectional "official organs" each month, advance sheets of the official General Federation news, which it has received for publication. The following are official items for November.]

**A** GREETING from the President.—With the coming of the autumn begins the splendid activities of the clubs and Federation world. A good half-year before us in which to enjoy the pleasures and benefits of friendly association and concerted study. A good half-year in which to bring companionship and cheer to the lonely and sad, in which to welcome the stranger, in which to comfort and help the overlooked ones in life's road, in which to teach the ignorant, in which to lift up those who have wandered and got trodden under foot, in which to give happy, useful work to individual, State, and Nation.

A good half-year in which ever to smile and never to sigh, in which to have courage and faith and the divine art of common sense. A glorious, stimulating outlook for 500,000 good friends, good mothers, and good citizens of a good country.

The summer has brought its meed of pain and loss to the Federation. The going of Mrs. Lydia P. Williams takes one of the tried and true. Her splendid service in forestry work will be forever remembered, and her name will be often on our lips and in our hearts, even though we miss her presence in our future gatherings. Miss Kate McKnight, of Pennsylvania, has left memories of a life spent in service to good causes. Given means and leisure, she realized the obligation attending such privileges. Courageous, hopeful, warm hearted, the world is better for her life.

Two Chairmen of standing committees, Miss Anna Clark, of Civil Service Reform, and Mrs. Sherwood, of Art Committee, have had severe illness during the summer, but are once more on the road to health.

The greatest obstacle to improvement in a State is the foolish pride which refuses to acknowledge existing conditions. In contra-distinction to this attitude and as an example of genuine, enduring patriotism, as well as a fine demonstration of careful, efficient work, I give below the report submitted by the women of Georgia in a memorial to their General Assembly in behalf of compulsory education: \* \* \*

SARAH S. PLATT-DECKER.

[Limited space prevents the publication of this memorial. The full text in type may be secured on application to *The Keystone*.—The Editor.]

SUGGESTIONS TO THE CLUBWOMEN of the United States from the Forestry Committee:

I. MAKE THE GROUND around your own home as attractive as possible. Study local needs. Endeavor to improve the condition and increase the number of trees in your own vicinity.

Encourage systematic planting of street trees and their protection from injury.

Plant shade trees on all roadsides leading into the country. Observe Arbor Day with appropriate exercises.

Secure the planting of Memorial and Anniversary trees, also seed and berry bearing trees and shrubs for the native birds.

Encourage study of native trees, their characteristics and value.

Strive to have your town or city acquire for park purposes, tracts of land adjacent, both open and wooded, especially those having undisturbed timber growth upon them. Within these parks Nature should be left unrestrained, far as possible, and the preservation of wild plant life dominant feature.

II. EVERY CLUB now without a Forestry Committee is earnestly requested to appoint one.

In discussing the forestry question in the clubs, emphasize, not simply the aesthetic and human sides, but the economic and utilitarian.

Urge the need of forest preservation, protection, and scientific handling, and the prime importance of public ownership and administration of forest lands, notably those controlling stream flow.

III. SEE THAT THE FACT is made clear that the question of forestry includes the two great questions of wood and water, wood constituting one of our most indispensable resources, and water, upon which largely depends the success of agriculture, commerce, and manufacturing, being immediately related to the maintenance of forest cover on hill and mountain slopes. Note also the connection between forests and the public health.

IV. URGE THE CLUBS to study forestry, and to see that books on forestry are included in Traveling Libraries and brought to the notice of the clubs. Have books on forestry added to all local libraries and periodical literature secured for reading-rooms, etc.

A list of books and Forest Service Bulletins will be sent on application. The American Forestry Association will supply libraries with the Proceedings of the American Forestry Congress (a one-dollar book) for the cost of postage and packing,—twenty cents.

V. THE FOREST SERVICE at Washington will advise, assist, and co-operate with clubs or individuals working along forestry lines.

VI. THE AMERICAN FORESTRY Association, with a membership of over six thousand, desires to publish in its monthly magazine, *Forestry and Irrigation*, reports of the work the women's clubs are doing in the line of forestry, and to co-operate with the clubs in all practicable ways for the promotion of the forestry movement. Among the ways suggested are arranging lectures, distributing literature, writing Congressmen concerning proposed legislation, and enlarging the membership of the Association.

VII. OUTLINES for programs and suggestive subjects for papers will be sent on application to Mrs. P. S. Peterson, Chairman, Lincoln and Peterson avenues, Chicago, Illinois.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT.—The Chairman of Civic Committee of the General Federation, assigned the "Tuberculosis" problem of that Committee's work to Mrs. Rufus P. Williams, of Massachusetts. The Board of Directors of the General Federation which met at Jamestown, approved the plan of creating this department into a sub-committee,

to be known as the Health Department of Civic Committee of the General Federation.

The members of this department or Health Committee consist of one representative from each State, and a chairman, who is also a member of the Civics Committee.

In order to obtain the best results for time and labor expended, a general plan of work will be outlined by the Chairman, but its application in the several States will be absolutely controlled by the member of her committee from that state, together with the State Civics Chairman, if there be a State Federation of Women's Clubs.

All expenses incurred by such State Committees without the approval of the Chairman of Civic Committee, must be otherwise provided for.

We recognize that every State has problems peculiar to itself, and, while all may co-operate along general lines, the different factors affecting the healthful conditions of cities and towns must be studied by those personally interested in the State itself.

While the work will be introduced by the Committee of the General Federation, we hope there will not be a club in these United States, federated or unfederated, which will not exert itself to help us perfect our work during the coming club year.

There is not a home but is menaced by disease, and it is the privilege of the women of this country, at this time, to unite as one to combat the scourge of the home, CONSUMPTION.

MRS. RUFUS WILLIAMS.

North Cambridge, Mass.

THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE reports the admission of four clubs since their last report.

SUGGESTIONS FOR GENERAL READING as provided for in the plan of the Literature Committee:

It is certainly true that when the time is ripe for certain movements in literature the writers are suddenly discovered and material is poured out. Ten years ago one of the good Irish writers on Ireland despaired of any great interest in Irish literature. Today the wealth at hand is great.

LITERATURE: "Golden Treasury of Irish Songs and Lyrics."

Charles Welsh, editor. (*Dodge Publishing Co., New York.*) This is a very recent collection with some valuable features.

The *Book News Monthly* for May, "Irish Literary Revival Number." (*The Book News Monthly, Philadelphia.*)

DESCRIPTION AND TRAVEL: "A Little Town in Ireland."

Dean Hole.

"An Unknown Country." Dinah Maria Mulock.

"Irish Sketch Book." W. M. Thackeray.

HISTORY: "The Fall of Feudalism in Ireland, or the Story of the Land League Revolution." Michael Davitt. (*Harper & Brothers, 1904.*)

"Ireland, 1794-1868, with Two Introductory Chapters." William O'Connor Morris. Cambridge Historical Series. (*At the University Press, Cambridge.*)

DOtha STONE PINNFO,  
Member of Literature Committee.

THE BUREAU OF INFORMATION has received during the summer some valuable additions to the library. Miss Stearns, of Wisconsin, who has been from the first so good a friend to the Bureau, has presented the twelve novels in-

cluded in the program of Club Studies made out by the Literature Committee last spring. The novels are: "The Talisman," Sir Walter Scott; "Pride and Prejudice," Jane Austen; "The Three Guardsmen," Alexander Dumas; "The Scarlet Letter," Nathaniel Hawthorne; "Vanity Fair," William Makepeace Thackeray; "David Copperfield," Charles Dickens; "A House of Gentlefolk," Ivan Turgenev; "Adam Bede," George Eliot; "Madame Bovary," Gustave Flaubert; "The Ordeal of Richard Feverel," George Meredith; "Anna Karenina," Liov Tolstoi; "Dona Perfecta," Perez Galdos. Mrs. Morris, the former Chairman of the Library Extension Committee, has given thirty outlines entitled "Epochs of English History in Connection with Shakespeare's Plays," and a set of reference books to accompany it. The reference books are as follows: "Shakespeare's Heroines," Jameson; "Introduction to Shakespeare," Dowden; "Shakespeare: His Mind and Art," Dowden; "Shakespeare: Life, Art, and Character," Hudson; "Shakespeare Commentaries," Gervinus.

THE Alabama Federation of Women's Clubs, at their twelfth annual convention, held in Troy, Alabama, October 8th-10th, voted to join the General Federation of Women's Clubs. This able body of southern club-women is a great acquisition to the General Federation, and southern federations already affiliated with the general organization are gratified to see Alabama, assuming the responsibility of a sovereign state in the great American organization, take her place in line and bring her strength and influence to bear in shaping the policy and promoting the high endeavors of the clubwomen of America.

"Some Reminiscences and Early Letters of Sidney Lanier," by George Herbert Clark, is a neatly gotten up booklet of 27 pages, giving some very interesting personal data about this great Southern poet. It contains the poem "Life and Song," and the sonnet on the "Muses," a fac simile letter, a portrait of the poet and an illustration of his birthplace in Macon, Ga. This pamphlet is of unusual interest to club women, as the literature committee of the General Federation has prepared a special program on "Lanier" for distribution among the clubs. To all clubs planning a study of Lanier this pamphlet will be of great help. The booklet is issued under the auspices of the Sidney Lanier Chapter, U. D. C., and it is intended that a portion of the proceeds from the sale shall be devoted to Lanier memorial purposes, under the direction of the chapter.

(Paper, 25 cents. J. W. Burke Company, Macon, Ga.)

"Progress in the Household," by Lucy Maynard Salmon, professor of history in Vassar College, is a collection of articles which have appeared formerly in various monthly magazines. This book is the result of nine years' study in domestic science by an experienced housekeeper. Prof. Salmon looks at both sides of this most important subject, that of the mistress, and that of the maid, and gives many valuable suggestions for solving some difficult problems. She makes a special plea for the college woman to devote her time and energies to this most vital subject. She makes a point of "the dignity of labor" and the advisability of putting much of the work outside of the home. The chapter on The Woman's Exchange is especially good and should be read by all interested in this department of woman's work. All club women and housekeepers would be helped in the direction and management of their households by studying the pages of this little volume.

(Cloth, \$1.10. Houghton, Mifflin & Co., Boston, Mass.)

*Collier's Weekly*, a magazine of current topics, treats in a broad and comprehensive way the great questions of the day. For busy men and women it is most helpful and educative. Clubs will find it useful for current topic meetings. Besides an excellent editorial department, its fiction is bright and crisp. It is a clean, healthy, unsensational weekly publication for the home circle. 10 cents per copy; \$5.20 per year.

"The Woman's Home Companion" is a very interesting monthly magazine which is gaining in popularity every day. It is now running Elizabeth Stuart Phelps' story, "Through Life us do Part," and a series of articles on "The Woman in Business," by Miss Anna Richardson. There are always a number of short stories, good household suggestions, fashion notes and excellent recipes. Subscription in combination with *The Keystone*, \$1.10 per year.

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**A**RRANGEMENTS for the Chester Convention, S. C. Division W. D. C., December 3-6th, are progressing well. The sessions will be held in the Opera House, and a noon luncheon will be served each day in that building, thus saving the time and strength of the delegates and giving an opportunity for social intercourse and informal discussion of matters engaging the Convention's attention. The Executive Committee will meet on Tuesday, December 3d, at 6 P. M., and there will be a reception that evening by the Chester Chapter U. D. C. at the home of Mrs. S. M. Jones. Credentials will be received at this reception; delegates are requested to hand them in at this time to the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. H. P. Lynch.

THE RAILROAD RATES for this Convention will be the usual rate of one and one-third fares plus 25 cents, on the certificate plan. Delegates are reminded to be sure and get their certificates when they buy their tickets.

THE FUND FOR THE DIVISION SCHOLARSHIP at Winthrop College was raised to the necessary amount, \$104, and twenty-nine girls applied, making an effort for this scholarship. Nine took the examinations for the freshman class given at their various county court houses on July 5th, and from this test the competition was reduced to two contestants. These two girls took the examinations for the Sophomore Class at Winthrop College in September, but failed to reach the required standard of the college for admission to that class, so failed to enter on the U. D. C. Scholarship. This scholarship is thus vacant, but the fund will be placed at interest and the scholarship will be open next year to the lineal descendants of Confederate soldiers.

THE BAZAAR: The President of the Division has been notified by the hostess Chapter at Norfolk, that the "Bazaar arranged by Mrs. Voorhies, 1st Vice-President General, is postponed with her consent, until next year."

MARY B. POPPENHEIM,  
 President S. C. Division, U. D. C.

CROSSES OF HONOR: Chapters are reminded that ten cents is sufficient for expenses on Crosses when they are sent from the Custodian direct to the engraver; when sent direct to the Chapters the regular allowance of one cent per cross and eight cents registration fee are necessary. *In all cases* include the amount for transportation expenses *in the money order* for the Crosses. Chapters are urged to send in their lists for Crosses of Honor bestowed in the past and not yet filed with the Recorder. Up to October 10th only eleven Chapters had complied with this rule; these Chapters are at Pickens, Chesterfield, Sumter, Jonesville, Aiken, Pendleton, "Dixie," Anderson, Newberry, Columbia, Greenwood, Clemson College. It is very necessary that these back lists

shall be secured and properly recorded, so that the South Carolina Division may be able to report exactly how many Crosses have been bestowed under its jurisdiction. Send these lists as soon as possible to Mrs. T. W. Keitt, Recorder of Crosses, Clemson College, S. C.

CHAPTER PRESIDENTS are requested to send all manuscripts for the Literary-Historical Session at Chester and filing with the Historical Committee and to report to the Chairman of this Committee what their Chapters have done in regard to the suggestions sent out by this Committee in their circular issued last March by November 15th. This information is necessary for the Historian's report, and the literary session, and should be sent promptly. Address all replies to

MRS. R. D. WRIGHT, Chairman,  
 Newberry, S. C.

THE WILLIAM WALLACE CHAPTER, Union, issued on May 28th a most creditable *Confederate Memorial Edition* of the *Union Progress*, in commemoration of the unveiling of their Confederate monument. The paper was in three sections, illustrated, and contained the history of the local veteran camp, the chapter and the monument, many interesting Confederate reminiscences and biographies of local interest and several partial rolls of companies which went into the army from Union, 1861-65. This publication is a most valuable Confederate record and marks in a most satisfactory way an event in the history of the town of Union of which its citizens may be justly proud.

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 (75 Chapters—2,800 Members.)

THE tenth annual Convention of the North Carolina Division United Daughters of the Confederacy was held October 8-11th in the Smith Memorial Hall Building, Greensboro, N. C. The attendance was larger than ever before and the business sessions showed increased zeal and interest in the work of the organization.

The President, Mrs. W. S. Parker, of Henderson, being detained at home by illness in her family, she deputized Mrs. I. W. Faison, of Charlotte, to act as Chairman of the Convention, which position was filled by Mrs. Faison with dignity and grace.

The usual addresses of welcome were responded to charmingly, and we regret that time and space do not allow a more extended notice.

The President of the Guilford Chapter then briefly announced the program for the day, including an invitation given by the Elks to a luncheon in the basement of the building.

The Credentials Committee then reported. Several important matters were discussed and adjusted with as much dispatch as was consistent with due deliberation. The question of a trained nurse at the Soldiers' Home was decided in the affirmative. The reports from the Home Committee were most gratifying, showing it to be in a prosperous condition.

The second day's exercises included discussions led by Mrs. E. E. Moffitt, in regard to details of the Memorial Arch and Gateway to be erected at the entrance to the Confederate Cemetery in Raleigh—a great number of the Chapters have paid in the \$20.00 promised by them for this Gateway.

Mrs. Moffitt announced that the Balfour Granite Company, of Salisbury, and Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt, of the University of North Carolina, had offered a generous donation in aid of this memorial.

Mrs. H. D. B. Wells urged upon the Convention the adoption of *The Keystone* as the official organ of the North Carolina Division U. D. C. After some discussion, it was decided to do this for one year; and Mrs. Wills was appointed to make the regular reports to the paper, and also to receive subscriptions for the same. Several subscriptions were paid in and others promised. In the afternoon the election of new officers took place, which resulted as follows: President, Mrs. I. W. Faison, of Charlotte; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. R. F. Dalton, Greensboro; 2d Vice-President, Mrs. M. S. Willard, Wilmington; 3d Vice-President, G. P. Erwin, Morganton; Recording Secretary, Mrs. F. M. Williams, of Newton; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Gordon Finger, Charlotte; Registrar, Mrs. Leo Heartt, Raleigh; Treasurer, Miss Alice Nelson, Greensboro; Recorder of Crosses, Mrs. W. H. Overman, Salisbury; Historian, Miss Rebecca Cameron, Hillsboro; Assistant Historian, Mrs. W. O. Shannon, Henderson; Chaplain, Mrs. James G. Kenan, Wallace.

One of the most interesting subjects under discussion was the erection of a memorial to the Hon. George Davis, late Attorney General of the Confederate States. It was suggested that this should take the form of an endowment for some benevolent institution. The responses were liberal. Generous contributions were also promised for the monument to the Confederate soldiers at Arlington.

On Wednesday, under the head of new business, an appeal was made by Mrs. James Kenan for the endorsement by the Convention of a plan to erect, at the University of North Carolina, a monument to the students of the University who fought for the Confederacy. This was discussed with interest, but postponed. Neither time nor space would allow even a mention of the variety and charm of the different entertainments tendered the delegates during the Convention week by the Guilford Chapter, and the people generally of the charming city. We can only express our appreciation and our gratitude.

The invitation of Goldsboro Chapter was accepted for the next annual convention.

H. D. B. WILLS.

## VIRGINIA DIVISION UNITED DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY

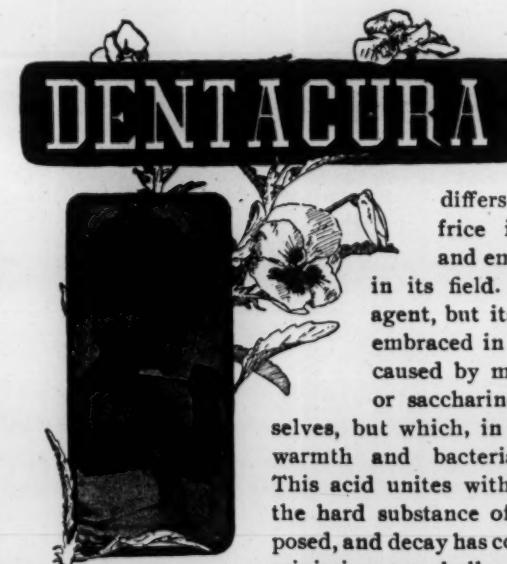
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THE Virginia Division is in convention assembled at Norfolk, Va., as this issue of *The Keystone* goes to press. A full account of this meeting will appear in the December *Keystone*.

"*The Keystone*" gratefully acknowledges the receipt of the pamphlet, "The Confederate States Ram, *Merrimac or Virginia*," the history of her plan and construction and her engagements with the United States fleet March 8 and 9, 1862, by Virginian Newton, late midshipman Confederate States navy, which has been recently reprinted by Mrs. Newton from the Southern Historical Papers, Vol. XX. In view of the meeting of the U. D. C. at Norfolk and the Jamestown Exposition (the scene of this encounter), this pamphlet should be of special interest to all planning a visit in this neighborhood.



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 (Up-to-date Notes.)

THE Fourteenth Annual Convention of the United Daughters of the Confederacy will be held in Norfolk, Va., November 13th-16th. The meetings will be held in the Convention Hall on the Exposition grounds, but arrangements have been made to enter the hall from the outside. The hostess chapter has selected two hotels for headquarters; the Inside Inn and the Atlantic Hotel, Norfolk. The railroad rates for this convention will be the regular Exposition rates to Norfolk.

There will be a meeting of State Division Presidents at the Atlantic Hotel on November 12th, at 8 P. M. One of the important matters to come before this Convention is an entire revision of the Constitution of the Association.

LOUISIANA, a song; words by Charles Rupp; music by Mrs. T. C. Buckley, and dedicated to the memory of Gen. Beauregard, will be sold for the benefit of the Beauregard Monument Fund of New Orleans Chapter, at the price of 25 cents per copy, four copies for \$1, post paid. Orders may be sent to Miss D. Gautreaux, 1212 Constantinople St., New Orleans, La., or Mrs. D. A. S. Vaught, 1442 Louisiana avenue, New Orleans, La. This little song is very charming, and quite an addition to any collection of Southern songs; the purpose for which it is sold is a most patriotic and laudable one, and it is hoped that Southern women may feel interested and help push the sale of this latest bit of Southern music.

## RECIPROCITY BUREAU

[All programs and papers received by this bureau are acknowledged in this department monthly. These programs and papers are intended for exchange among clubs, and may be secured upon application to "The Keystone," when accompanied by return postage.]

*Year Book of the Virginia State Federation of Women's Clubs*, which contains the minutes of the organization meeting, 1907-1908.

*Miscellaneous Program*, Civics, Music, Literature and Education.—The Woman's Club, Lynchburg, Va., 1907-1908.

*Year Book of the South Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs*, 1907-1908.

Minutes of the 10th Convention of the South Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs, held at Orangeburg, May, 1907.

*United States History and Bible, continued*.—Franklin Circle, Lancaster, S. C., 1907-1908.

*Bay View Course on United States History, Household Economics*.—The Woman's Club, Newberry, S. C., 1907-1908.

*Twelve Famous Novels and Nineteenth Century Poetry*.—The Twentieth Century Club, Greenville, S. C., 1907-1908.

*The Opera*.—The Music Club, Greenville, S. C., 1907-1908.

*Concord Writers and Cambridge Scholars*.—The Up to Date Club, Chester, S. C., 1907-1908.

*Poets of the Victorian Age*.—The Cateechee Club, Greenwood, S. C., 1907-1908.

*Bay View Course on Germany*.—The Paul Hayne Circle, Walhalla, S. C., 1907-1908.

*Eight Famous Novels, Living Musicians, Training Children, Home Science, Civics (departmental)*.—The Woman's Club, Charlotte, N. C., 1907-1908.

*Civics and the Home*.—The Woman's Town Improvement Association, DeFuniak Springs, Fla., 1907-1908.

*Woman and Child Labor*.—An article by Mrs. Clarence Burns, Chairman of the Child Labor Committee of the General Federation.

*Home Making as an Art*.—An article by Mrs. Blair, Chairman of the Household Economics Committee of the General Federation.

*Proceedings of the 33d Annual Meeting of the South Carolina Press Association*, held at Isle of Palms, Charleston, S. C., June, 1907.

## BOOK REVIEWS

"Is Davis a Traitor" or Was Secession a Constitutional Right Previous to the War of 1861?, by Albert Taylor Bledsoe, A. M., LL. D., late professor of mathematics in the University of Virginia, has recently been republished by Mrs. Mary Barksdale Newton, of Richmond, Va., in memory of her husband, Virginius Newton. Mrs. Newton has sent copies of this valuable book to libraries all over the South and she presented copies to many Confederate men and women as souvenirs of the Richmond Reunion. This act on her part is greatly appreciated by all Confederate organizations, as it puts into circulation again such valuable historic material. This book is a scholarly treatise on the subject of secession and its constitutionality, and traces step by step the evolution of the American idea of government, it reviews the various threatened secessions, laying special stress on the Hartford Convention, and though elaborate historical material vindicates the character of the South for loyalty and proves that she was perfectly loyal to the Constitution of 1787 as it came from the hands of the fathers. It is interesting to note that while the title refers directly to *Mr. Davis*, he is not treated personally in the book, the subject being handled entirely from the standpoint of the rights of the States in relation to the Constitution.

"The Scarlet Car," by Richard Harding Davis, is a bright story full of incidents connected with the automobile. The stories are written in Mr. Davis' usual easy conversational style, and are full of romance and dramatic incident, pleasing to all. The book has only 166 pages and can easily be read at a sitting. This is pre-eminently a story of *today* and shows the possibilities of the automobile in every day life.

(Cloth, \$1.50. Charles Scribner's Sons, New York City.)

"Brunhilde's Paying Guest," by Caroline Fuller, a graduate of Smith College, is a romantic story of an interesting Southern family forced into accepting money for hospitality. The scene is laid in Colleton, S. C., the incidents taking place today. While the author appreciates the South in an objective way, describing with much feeling the natural beauties of this section and portraying truly the characteristic home life and domestic arrangements on a Southern plantation, she does not make her characters converse in the vernacular of the true Southerner. Music plays an important part in the story, a musical theme being interwoven throughout the plot, which is well conceived.

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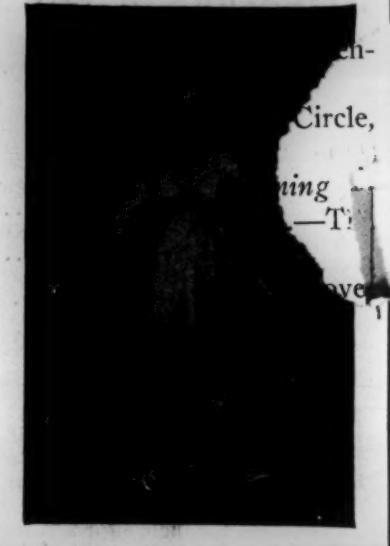


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